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> Dear Mr. Attorney General,  
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> I would like to commend you for not accepting the proposed DOJ  
> settlement with Microsoft. I believe that it has been shown time and  
> time again, that Microsoft 'extends and extinguishes.' That is, while  
> appearing to support a standard, such as Java or Kerberos, they then  
> add extensions to it that will only run on the Microsoft operating  
> system (OS) platform.  
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> When threatened by Netscape, which sold a browser which allowed web  
> pages to be displayed on any platform, they developed their own  
> browser and tightly integrated it into the OS then bundled it free of  
> charge. Coupled with web pages that used coding which would only work  
> on the Microsoft browser, they took over the market, effectively  
> eliminating Netscape as a viable company. And this was AFTER a  
> consent decree with the DOJ in an earlier case!  
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> With Windows XP, Microsoft is attempting to take over access to the  
> Internet, forcing users to use their middleware and go to Microsoft  
> approved sites when a URL (web address) is mistyped. Microsoft MUST  
> be reigned in as a convicted monopolist, or there will be no choice  
> whatever left for consumers.  
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> I sincerely hope that you and the other dissenting state attorneys  
> general will work for a settlement with teeth in it which will  
> prevent Microsoft from crushing the competition through illegal  
> practices, of which it has already been convicted .  
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